



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

ST. ONGE STEWARD JOHNSTON & REENS, LLC  
986 BEDFORD STREET  
STAMFORD, CT 06905-5619

MAIL

FEB 26 2009

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600

In re Application of :  
Klaus M. Irion *et al.* : NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL  
Application No. 09/994,178 : FROM ISSUE  
Filed: November 26, 2001 : UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)  
Attorney Docket No. 02581-P0433A :

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee due to unpatentability of one or more claims. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)(3).

The above-identified application is hereby withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee is refundable upon written request. If, however, the application is again found allowable, the issue fee can be applied toward payment of the issue fee in the amount identified on the new Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due upon written request. This request and any balance due must be received on or before the due date noted in the new Notice of Allowance in order to prevent abandonment of the application.

Telephone inquires should be directed to Sinh Tran at 571-272-7564.

The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

*Wanda Walker*

Wanda Walker  
Director, Technology Center 2600  
Communications

CC: Office of Publications

Patent Clerk, South Tower, RM 8C15  
Supervisory Correspondence Clerk, South Tower, RM 8C15